IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LYNDA YOUNG,

No C 08-4665 VRW

Plaintiff,

ORDER

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LONG-TERM DISABILITY PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF POSTAL CREDIT UNION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA,

Defendants.

On July 16, 2009, plaintiff Lynda Young filed a motion for judgment pursuant to FRCP 52. Doc #26. The court seeks to refer this ERISA matter to a United States magistrate judge for proposed findings of fact and recommendations for the disposition of the motion pursuant to 28 USC § 636(b)(1)(B). After review of the magistrate's proposed findings of fact and recommendations, along with the parties' objections, if any, to the magistrate's proposal, the court will enter the dispositive order. It appears

to the court that the parties' consent to this referral is not required pursuant to \S 636(b)(1)(A). Nevertheless, because no clear authority addresses whether the court may refer a FRCP 52 motion to a magistrate, the court seeks to obtain the parties' consent for the referral.

Accordingly, the parties are DIRECTED to inform the court in writing, not later than October 9, 2009, whether they consent to the above-described referral to a magistrate. The hearing scheduled for October 1, 2009 is VACATED pending receipt of the parties' response.

VAUGHN R WALKER

United States District Chief Judge

IT IS SO ORDERED.